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春（60～64）

男女両方の器官を持って生まれた「IS」（インターセクシャル）の春。
志向は男子、なのに身体は女性化が進行中。夢は、ISについて知ってもらい、ISのまま生きてゆくのが自然になること。
ISの友人・マクソンと協力しつつ、パティシエ修業中の春。高校での初恋相手・伊吹と「5年後の再会」の夜、心躍る春が出逢ったのは……!?

確率として2000人に1人といわれるISを、恋とリアルな感情で綴る感涙作！

MESSAGE

酒盛りのシーンを描きながら
「春も大人になったなぁ…」と、
しみじみ思いました。
この前まで高校生だったのに
あっという間やね〜。
子供が育つのって……。
ビールなんか飲んで、
もう一人前やね〜。
親戚のおばちゃん状態でした。

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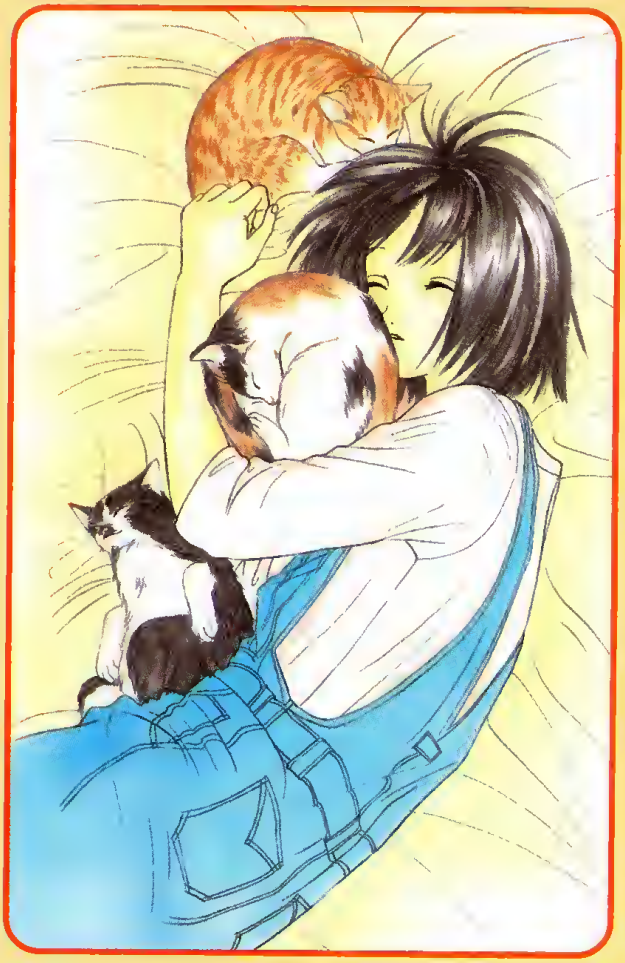

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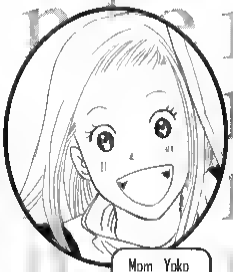
Characters

Hoshino Haru
An intersex person born with both male and female sex organs. He identifies as male but his body is becoming progressively more female. He's always optimistic in any situation and brightens the hearts of those around him. Currently working towards his dream of becoming a patissier!

Dad - Taro

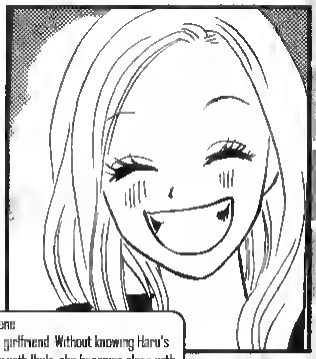


Mom - Yoko

Ibuki Kenji
Haru's first love. In the winter of 2nd year, his father found out about his relationship with Haru and made him transfer schools. Ibu and Haru promised to meet again in 5 years but...!?

Amakusa Koki
Nickname: Makuson. Haru's friend and neighbor. He has a type of intersex condition called Klinefelter syndrome. He's had problems with his family, but has an honest and warm personality.

Miyu
A 16-year-old intersex girl who met Haru one moonlit night. Her mother's abuse, as well as school bullying, has made Miyu suspicious of others.



Oba Nene
Ibuki's girlfriend. Without knowing Haru's history with Ibuki, she becomes close with both of them. Her dream is to build a warm family.

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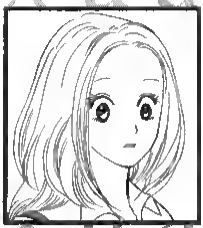

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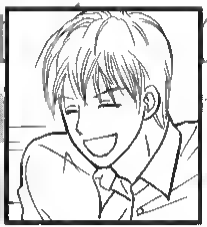

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★この物語はフィクションです。
実在の人物・団体名とは関係ありません。

CASE 3：春60

22 years old. 4 years after getting hired.
Today I was made chief.
Hoshino-kun,
congrats on your promotion!
Thanks!

Is that the fastest promotion or what?
Ahahaha
Nah, not quite.
Since starting work
Wow!
That's amazing, though.
You're chief!
Huh? That's a guy!
カチャ
I've gotta use the restroom
I've lived as a man.
Unlike in the past.
I'm not open about being intersex
But I don't hide it, either.
I only bring it up if necessary.

Don't you think you ought to see a doctor?
undergone any special treatment
I still haven't
Hoshino-kun.
...How come?
Hmm?
And you seem tired, you know?
I mean it's like... you get drunk really easily, right?
It's a comfortable relationship
is also intersex
Makuson
So maybe you should start taking male hormones...
You've got a job as a guy and that's going well—

But...
It's not like I've got it all figured out, either.
Sorry.
But you should see a doctor again.
The two of us can hang out together
without any romance or feelings
getting in the way
Night!
He's my next-door neighbor
パタン
and a good friend I can relax around

Welcome!
Hoshino-kun, I heard you got made chief?
Congratulations!
Congratulations!
Huh?
This place has really improved since you started here.
Since getting my first job,
every day has been fun.

My hard work has made customers happy.
I'm living life to the fullest.
There.
I even made some sweets.
And today.
is 5 years since I last saw Ibuki.

5 years
has turned those tears into memories
The day of our reunion
I wonder how he looks now.
Hehe!
There's so much I want to tell you.
Hurry up, Ibuki.

It's time.
But that day
Ibuki never showed up.

I guess...
that means he's doing well...
...I'm glad.

A cold moon shone down that night..
And on the way home,
that's when I met her.

.. This girl
Wait... huh? Have I seen that girl before..?
BRRRING BRRRING
Nabe's done!
Come hoooome
.....
I've gotta go.
.....
is looking at the same moon...
Um...

Oh! I'm not suspicious or anything.
I made these for someone very important to me.
You can have these
if you want.
They're good.
The reason
I called out to her then
was because we were looking at the same moon.
That's all.
But.
Gross!
Huh?
.....

Was I just imagining things?

Welcome home!
How'd it go with Ibuki-kun?

...Oh.
Huh?
カチッ
Huh?
カチャ～
H, how...?
It's opening by itself—
キィ～
キラン
A pin
Whaaaaat?
!!
Wh... what!?

だだだっ
Wh, who is this kid!?
ぽて
Oh...!
I remember!
Inui Tax Accountants
ウッフッフ
ヘッヘッヘ
Wah! Stop it, Inui-san! You, too, Hoshino!
ガチャッ
Whoa.
バタン
That's it.

At our last meet-up.
The girl who left early.
She looked at me scornfully...
Her online handle was Miyu.
And this is how we met.
I didn't think a human would follow me home.
I told you not to feed stray cats.
She followed me after I gave her those cookies.
But what's a girl from Shizuku no Kai doing here?
Now she's eating...

So...
Did you get in touch with Ibuki-kun?
No. It's OK.
Hoshi -no ...
...I mean, if he didn't come, that means...
You got stood up?
By someone you like?

Hey!
Of course not.
You must have someone you like, too, right, Miyu-chan?
.....
Humans
... are all
demons.

How could I like
something so scary?
thanks for dinner!
Well,
Bye!
You can't fool me!
Ahaha!

*Shizuku no Kai Profile

SHE DIDN'T WANT ME
'CAUSE I'M INTERSEX
Hello.
I'm not hungry tonight.

I knew
I couldn't leave this girl
alone.
I'm heading home now.
But I'll be by the same time tomorrow,
so if you need anything, just say so.
.....
Oh, email's fine, too...
You pity me, don't you?
You think I must be so lonely, right?
Thanks.

But I'd rather that than get dumped and realize what a fool I'd been.
.....
Right?
I don't think I've been a fool...
I did think about how it might be
...I mean,
if we started dating again.

is a sign
that's he's got his own world now.
But the fact that he didn't come
.....
He...
used to always cry
when things got hard.
so now I'm just happy
...that he's happy.

'Cause
I love him.
...Why?
He's
important
to me.
So I want him
to be happy.
That's all.

And that's why I called out
to you.
I just couldn't leave you alone.
It wasn't out of pity.
That's all...
"See you
tomorrow"
So...

ポリポリ
Hehe!
びく
Have you come here to pity me, too!?
……
ゴホーン
Um...
Being intersex... doesn't have to mean you're unhappy.
……
At least...

Hoshino and I don't think of it that way.
Hoshino...
accepts ...
everyone and is always doing things for others.
He has faith in people.
That's why I hang out with him.

...Yeah, it's not about being born intersex.
It's how you live that counts.
...He makes me believe that
So, here, if you want dinner...
!
ガサ
スーパー

THEY'RE SCARY AND HURT ME.
YOU CAN'T TRUST THEM.
ONLY CARE ABOUT THEMSELVES
...GO home.
HUMANS
I'M SICK AND TIRED
OF BETRAYAL
'Cause I love him.
That's all.

ガチャッ
Oh!
There you are!
カシャッ
Come on.
All right.
We're all here now.

Have a seat.
Now let's eat.
ITADAKIMAAASU
It looks delicious!
カチャ
Aren't you... hungry?

Miyu?
Wanna switch?
I hate this!
No!
I mean I love it!
Ibuki left
and Miyu came instead
Is she asleep?

I hate everyone.
ガリ
ガリ
HUMANS ARE NOTHING BUT DEMONS
ゴシ
THEY'RE THE SCARIEST THING IN THE WHOLE WORLD
how come these guys...
So..
ゴシゴシ

She ate
and cried...
and said
she loved it.
Thank you.
And so
this is how
our new life began.

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It's been 6 months since Miyu became part of our family.
Though we haven't heard anything from her mom
Make sure you do a good job brushing.
ニコ
ニコ
ふ"
See ya!
Good luck!

I started up a cake class at work.
Start up in March
Cake Class
Anniversary
Want to make friends?
It's July... summer already.

ガチャ
Good morning.
Are you here for the class?
Oh, no... I...
You're just in time. We just finished baking the cakes.
Want to join us?
The cake class
It was supposed to be a way
was my first big project!!
to get to know our regular customers and bring in new ones.
rumble

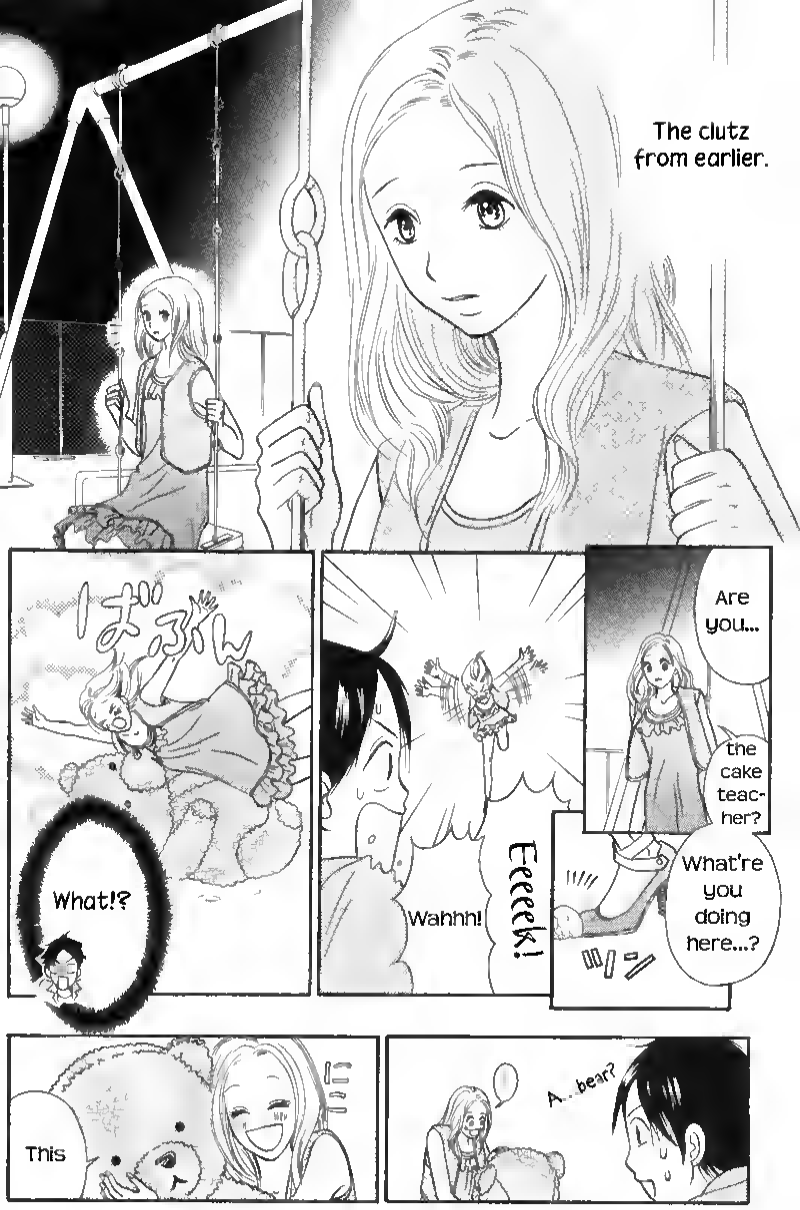
there haven't been as many students as I'd hoped.
Just 4 again today...
But...
もぐもぐ
I wonder if I could get her to join.
Oh, no. You don't have to.
No, I'll pay!
Huh? It won't open
Oh! Payment right!
Coming right up!!
Huh?
!
Ma'am!
Eeek!
!!
Oh no!

What were you thinking!?
ガラガラガシャーン
パリーン
What if someone had gotten hurt!?
……
I'm sorry.
This is why I was against this cake class.
Anyway
what's up with calling him "sensei" when he doesn't even work in the kitchen?
Right?
Now, now
Hoshino-kun.

Office
Owner.
About the cake class...
You haven't gotten any new students since you started.
...Yeah.
If there's no change,
I think we'll just
have to consider this plan a mistake.

One more month.
Let's give it a little longer.
Do your best.
...I will.
It's been 5 years since I started there.
Good night!
The neighbor-hood has changed.

There's a large office building nearby.
I thought the shop's flavor
I thought they could learn
I thought if we gave them a way to communicate with us, they would come.
Cake class
Now taking new students
Do you want to bake sweets?
Over 1000 new residents have moved in,
many with families.
That's...


The clutz from earlier.
Are you...
the cake teacher?
What're you doing here...?
Eeeek!
Wahhh!
ばふん
What!?
A...bear?
This

P-chan, the guy she'd been dating since college,
got a job here.
so she hopped on the train
and she didn't want a long-distance relationship
OBA NENE (23)
is a memento of my father.
you decided to stop in
the cake class
and then headed home
only to find his door was locked and he was away on business for a month.
And
on your way to his apartment

When my dad was alive
I can't keep up with
Right?
my mom started working
and they never saw each other.
Then they started fighting and next thing I knew, they were divorced
In the blink of an eye our family was destroyed.
And I thought
I never want to be away from the one I love.

I realized how important family is.
My mom left
and I lived with my dad until he died.
And then I was just filled with loneliness.
I mean...
there's no sound in an empty home.
It was a shock...

So
I've gotta stay with him.
'cause my dream is to make a cozy family.
Do you... have somewhere to stay tonight?
my place
is kinda crowded

I invited her home
is of course that I couldn't leave her alone.
Part of the reason
.....
but you can stay if you want.
Welcome home!

My neighbor Matsuson
Hello
Misu, my roommate
That really resonated with me
"To make a cozy family."
This is Oba Nene-san.
む～
Nice to meet you.
Miyu!?
GO HOME!

Why'd you bring her home, stupid Haru!?
だっ
バフッ
Don't worry
I knew she'd say that
I knew she'd say that...
What are you doing, sensei?

Studying to be a patissier.
CAFE
!
You're not a patissier yet?
I'm usually just in charge of the cafe...
Shh!
KNOCK KNOCK
Let's switch places.

You should be sleeping in a bed.
...Your body's not up to it.
...Yeah.
OK.
I'll talk to Miyu.
She and I can sleep in here.
Oba -san.
You and I can sleep in Makuson's room.
!?
J_ just us?
Don't worry!!

Inter... sex...?
.....
Yeah... that's me.
About Intersex
So you don't have to worry about me.
Sigh
So...

The reason you're not a patissier...
Is because of my body.
They decided I can't work those 12 hour shifts.
So...
I've been studying up
to try and get them to acknowledge me.
I thought if the class was a success
they'd realize I could be useful...
.....
I've gotta be up first thing in the morning to practice some more.
That... must be hard.
...I'm fine.
It's for my own "cozy family".

Miyu
Huh?
We've all been through a lot.
was all alone.
I...
always thought I'd live alone...
And Makuson
has his own reasons for not living with his family anymore.

A lot of us end up alone
Intersex people
rarely get to experience things like love and marriage.
I've always
longed for a family
So I guess that's why
we feel the solitude more keenly than others.
Miyu...

It's been
6 months since she moved in
and her mom's never called once.
She says "humans are monsters".
I bet she's been through
more than I can possibly imagine.
So that's why
me and Makuson want to show her
that even though there are bad people
there are good people, too.

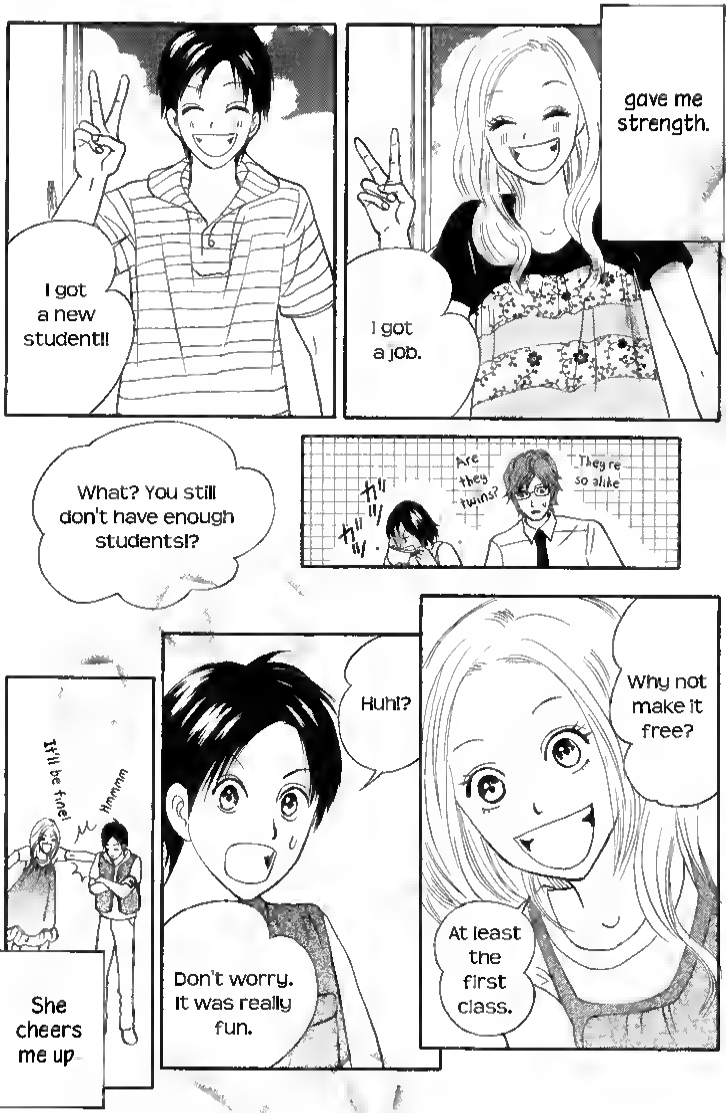
The world's filled
with good and bad
and through all that
we want her to be able
to just take the good...
Why....
do you care so much?
Since Miyu's been here

things suddenly got lively around the house.
And I realized
how grateful I am.
It's really fun with the three of us.
We're like
a family.

I want to protect this space we have.
And that's something I want to treasure.
For my family.
It's weird,
but when I think of it like that, it gives me strength.

わあ
Breakfast!!
Makuson's calling you!!
MORNING!
ボグッ
Miyu!
You, too.
Veranda~
How'd you get out there!?
Oba-san, are you OK!?
Ouch
RATTLE
See ya!

ドサッ
P-chan
said I always act without thinking,
ポン ポン
キッ
oof
Right!
I've gotta try harder, too!
But first I've gotta find a job and an apartment.
I CAN DO IT
And seeing her
She was fully recovered
but I'm going to protect him, too.


I got a new student!!
I got a job.
gave me strength.
What? You still don't have enough students!?
Are they twins?
They're so alike
Huh!?
Why not make it free?
Don't worry. It was really fun.
At least the first class.
It'll be fine!
Hmmm
She cheers me up

What if it doesn't work!
Free
First time free
Cake Class
I felt like I'd gained a good friend.
And it was as if everything
5 new students!!
I'd like to join
started going my way...
Me too
Me too
I'd like to join
I'd like to join

CHEERS!
It's all thanks to you, Nene!
Don't be silly!
I learned from you. See!?
I got the students I needed!!
I'm out of the danger zone!!
I found a place to live!
?
...So then...
じわ..
Thanks... for letting me stay so long
They're both drunk already. Unbelievable!
So today ...

WE'D BETTER DRINK UP!
I always stay friends with Nene.
I hope
I've got P-chan so I'll be fine
OK ...
I'd better go...
Don't be a stranger!
Are you OK?

Friends forever, OK?
Hello!
Oh! Is that P-chan ?
Haruuuuuu!
He's back!
Ack, Nene, you're so bad!
And in our new apart-ment we're gonna...
Thanks for taking care of Nene...
Huh...?

That voice...
Wah!
You're really drunk.
Lemme introduce you! Haruuuuu!

This is my darling.
Ibuki Kenji-kun!

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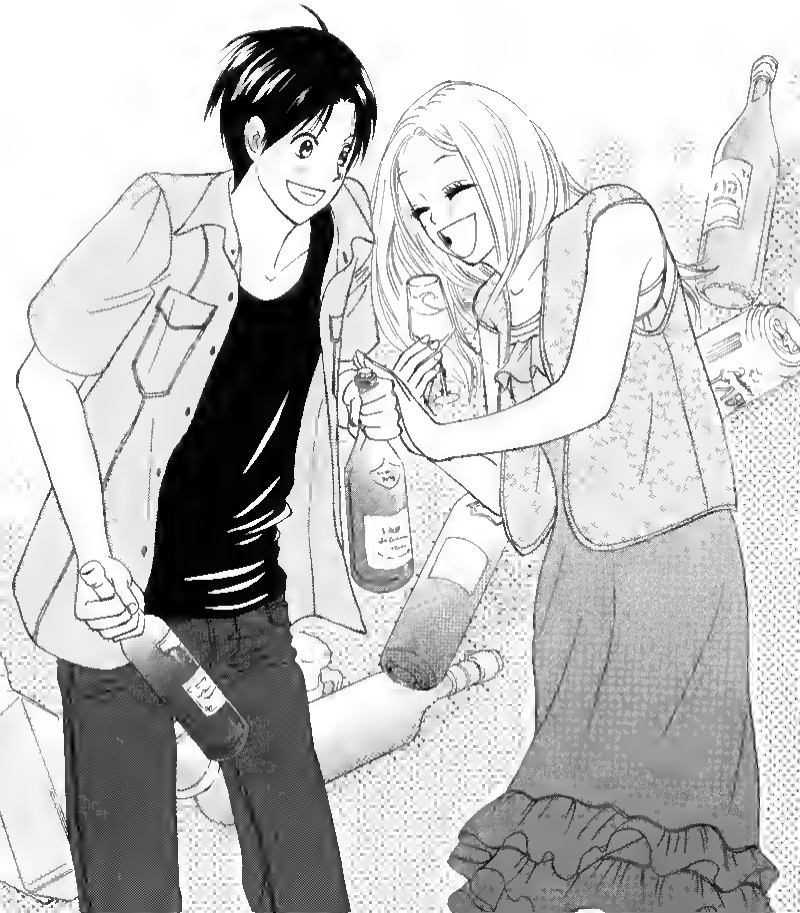


Lemme introduce you!
This is my darling, Ibuki Kenji-kun!

reunion
The sudden
カチャッ
Ibuki... kun?
Huh?
I... buki.
left me
at a loss for words.
Huh ...?

Wha ...?
Huh!?
Wait, what!?
Nene's P-chan is
Ibuki!?
Ibuki... !?

Gonna throw up...

...Huh?
?

Waaaah!
Eek!
Open the door!
T, to the bath-room!
Huh!?
I'm gonna throw up!
You drank too much,
Bleeeeugh!
Up!
Too much running around
Outta my way!
Huh?
I'd
loved him so much...
Waah! You got it on me!
Bluuugh!
Let's go
Waah!
Outta my way, Ibuki.
Ne... Nene.
I'm... not done.
bleeeugh
Waah!
Not you too, Hoshino!
Bleeeugh!

Oooh
The faint smell...of vomit
.....
I'm never drinking again...
Haha!

We laughed as she slept between us.
Five years.
It made me realized how much time...
really had passed.

So that's why Nene called you sensei...
What about you, Ibuki?
So that was your idea, huh?
And you're the chief ...
...The cake class.
but my dad has no power over me now.
I'm...
still in training...

I was finally able to come home.
Allowance
Now I can stand on my own
and be with my mom and sister.
And support them.
With Nene?
Well ...
we haven't gotten that far...
But in the future?
Well, yeah.
I'm glad.

When you didn't show up that day,
I figured you must be pretty happy.
I'm glad you're with Nene.
She's a good girl.
I wanted you to date a girl.
So you wouldn't be tied down to me.
The truth is...

And I
met Miyu on the night
Ho-shino.
We were both looking up at the same moon.
...She has no parents and is all alone.
The girl who was here.
Miyu?
of our "reunion".
She was practically abandoned for 16 years.

She doesn't know anything
about communication or common sense or manners.
...And as I've taken care of her
...it's like
...I feel super responsible for her.
And that boosts your feelings?
I've gotta feed her
and make her comfy so she can sleep.
I feel like
she can't survive without me.

I think... I get it.
Exactly!!
Having Miyu gives me strength...
than back when I was the one being supported
I feel more alive
I feel like I can protect my family.

Every day
is fun.
Let!-Me! Go!
Lemme go!
He can take care of himself.
He'll be fine without you!!
I'm telling you
Hoshino's OK.

Besides
What is it?
Give this a try tomorrow.
I have this for you!!
Placement Exam (Math)

Why not study so you can go back to school?
I'm not going to school!
Miyu ...
You don't get it!
They...
They called me stupid!
And dirty! And smelly!

"If you won't wear your gym clothes
They always attacked me!
They said I was weird...!
you'll have to stand over there."
Everyone was in on it!

Do you under-stand!?
The school's front entrance
was like
a huge mouth
to swallow me up!
They're all demons!
I...
...
Miyu.

But running away won't solve anything, will it...?
was bullied, too.
So I understand a little...
and crying
'cause your body's different
and hiding away
Hating those who hurt you
won't change anything.

You'll only be lonely.
I'm not saying
"school is everything".
But I don't think staying here is the right answer.
パサッ
You can do it.
Miyu.

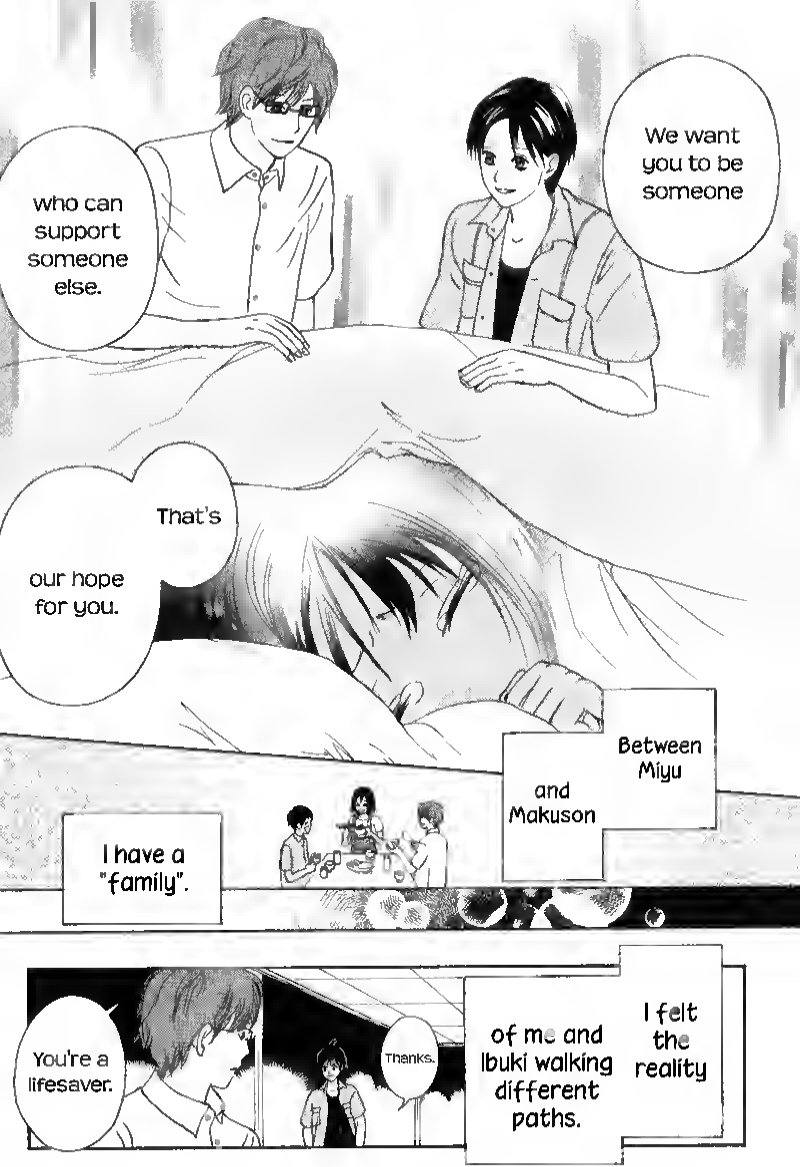
but you're gonna abandon me, too!
You say that
Miyu!
YOU DON'T WANT ME BECAUSE I'M DIFFERENT!
I hate you.
!

I hate you, Makuson!
What's going on!?
……
!
Miyu!

she just sud-denly ...
.....
When I brought up school ...
Miyu.
I don't care if you hate me.
Just listen.
You can't keep running away.
Every-one grows up eventually.
Including you.

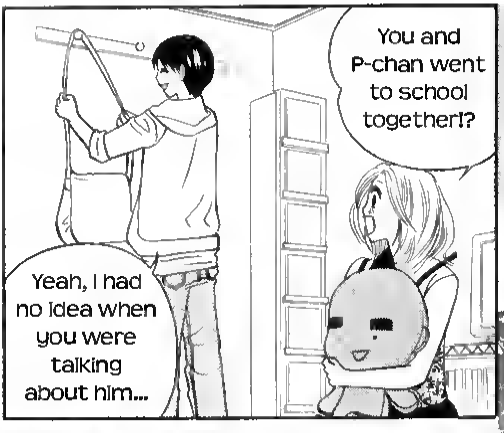
When you're a little kid
it's OK to be coddled.
But when you grow up, you have to return the favor.
For all the love that was given to you,
you have to love someone
in return.
You have to protect them
with a selfless love.

You can't use being intersex as an excuse.
I...
agree.
Some-day
you'll have to be a brave grownup
and leave here.


We want you to be someone
who can support someone else.
That's our hope for you.
Between Miyu and Makuson
I have a "family".
I felt the reality of me and Ibuki walking different paths.
Thanks.
You're a lifesaver.

What're you gonna do about Ibuki-kun?
...But I think we'll have to be patient when it comes to school...
I see.
.....
Nothing. It's all in the past.
We both have people who are important to us.
Yaaah
Guess I should get some sleep
People we have to protect.
Patience, huh...?
Sigh...

still have a deep connection, don't they?
But those two
That gaze...
.....
Miyu needs more time.
Please...
Don't throw Hoshino off balance...
Ibuki-kun...


You and P-chan went to school together!?
Yeah, I had no idea when you were talking about him...

Whaaaat!?

ジッ

...This must be fate.
...Wow.

but now I'm back.
I was letting these setbacks get me down,
And that's what I'll do!!
Heeey
Oh!
Huh!?
God is telling me to make it work here!!
... Huh?
Nope ...
Oh, well, that's fine, then.
OK!
I'll work hard for P-chan's sake!
So...
?
do you know P-chan's ex-girlfriend, Haru?
!

Your uncle's accounting firm is hiring, right?
Nene's really in a tight spot
Huh!?
You want me to hire Nenei?
Uh...
Well ...
I guess so...
So will you hire her?
But you really want me to find a job for your ex-boyfriend's girlfriend?
...I guess so.
Yeah
All right.
She can have the job.
We'll start fresh.

cheers
With a clean page!!
Let's celebrate Nene's new job
by telling all our secrets!!
Wahahahai!
Laaaaaai!
What a loser!
P-chan
sounded like a chirping bird when he cried over his ex, "piipiipii", that's how he got his nickname.
Maku-son
ate his boogers (hanakuso) during class in middle school.
Hanakuson
Amakuson
Makuson
(Amakuson is his real name)
And that's how he got his nickname.
Grossl Amakusa-sensei, you're so grossl

Are they...
Yeah, whenever they drink.
always like this?
...And then they throw up.
What? Every time?
Yep.
They can't hold their liquor
Quick, let's clean up while we have the chance!
Nene, get off me!
!?
Haru, I love you!
I thought we could build a good relationship.
But...

brrrrrrng
Hello?
What!?
My mom
collapsed!?

!
But my sister...
I have to go to the hospital.
ガタ
Haru.
But...
Don't worry. We'll go get her at the center
Nene and I... can go watch your sister.
...Thanks, I appreciate it.
and wait with her so she doesn't worry.

See ya
Yeah
Why does he know so much
about P-chan's family situation?
...Huh?
See you later
Ok
...Haru?
Could it be?
Let's go!
The two of them...?

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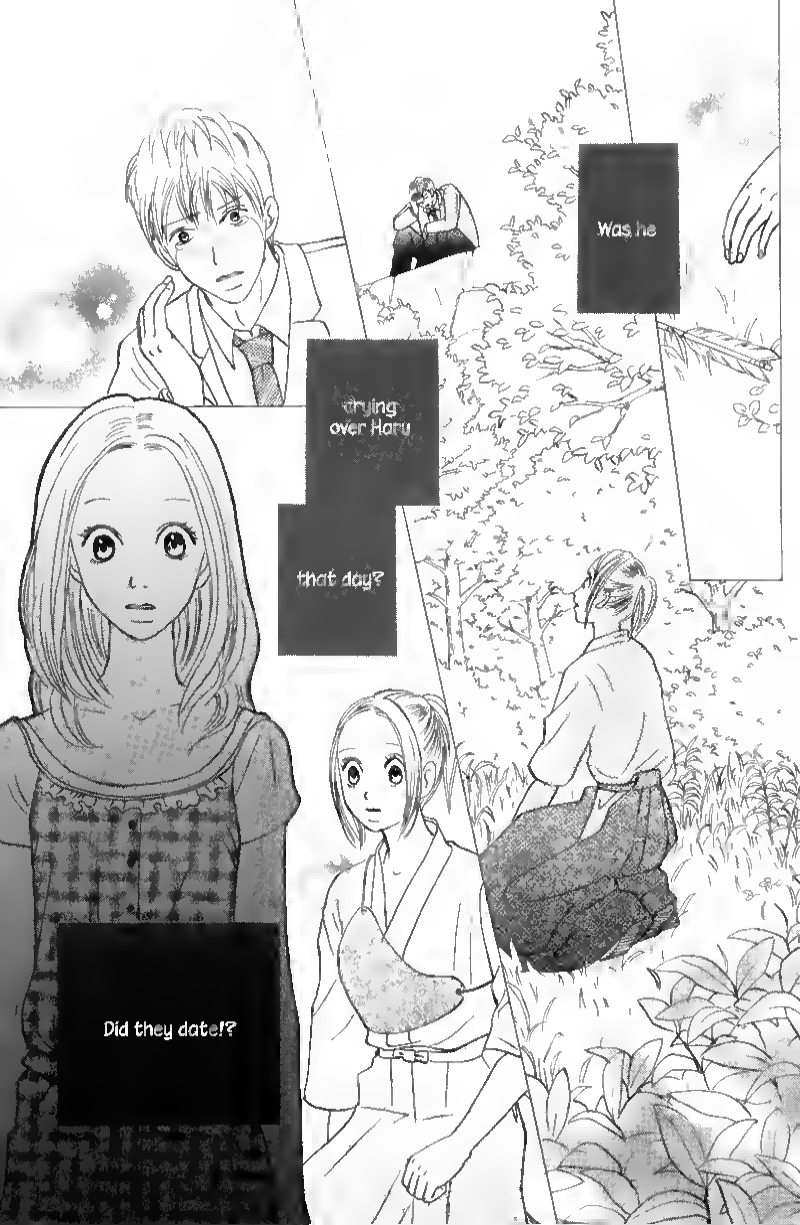
5 years ago
The winter of my second year of high school
All the girls were talking about the new transfer student
I wanted to know why he looked so sad

He was dating a boy at his old school.
Hey! Hey!
Nene,
I found out Ibuki-kun's secret.
There was no proof
just rumors
I'm serious!
Give me a break
Apparently it was a girl who looked like a boy!!
I did some searching online.
But it was treated as the truth

His dad was against them dating,
that's why he switched schools!!
Whatever
I'm telling you it was a boy!
Noooo!
What're you talking about?
That's a girl, then.
They were torn apart
キリッ


Was he
crying over Haru
that day?
Did they date!?

Akebono House
What...
should I say...?
His sister.
.....
...Oh.
カラ
How...?
Why does he know her so well?
It's been a while, Aoi-san.
It's me, Hoshino Haru.

I baked them
cakes one time.
Is that really all?
In high school
Oh..
I knew
I'll make tea
ガチャ
P-chan?
But there was no need to ask
if I asked Haru, he'd tell me the truth

Hoshino, how's my sister...?
Whew
Wel-come back.
Hello.
By the way,
how's your mom?
...Looks like it's just a mild case of pneumonia.
She should be home in a week or so.

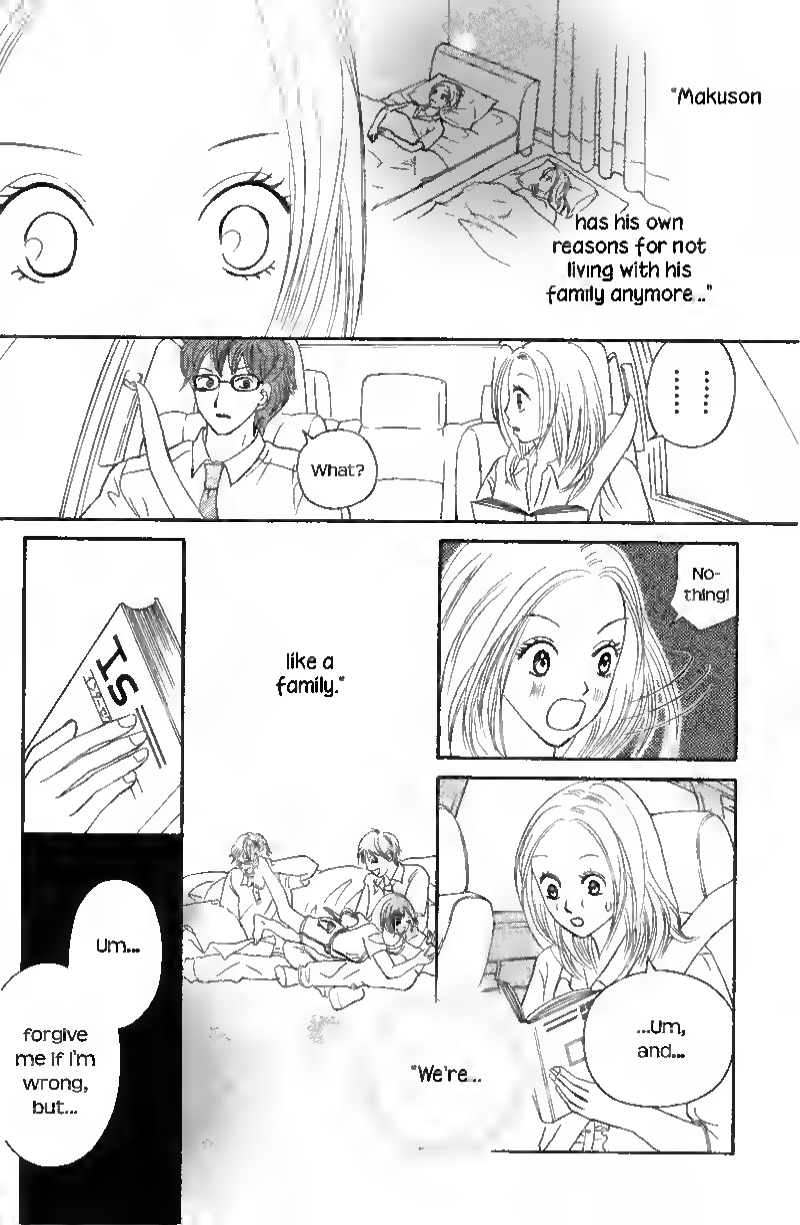
Then
I can help out on my days off.
Let me take care of your sister.
Thanks, Hoshino.
That'll be a huge help.
I'd never seen P-chan like that before

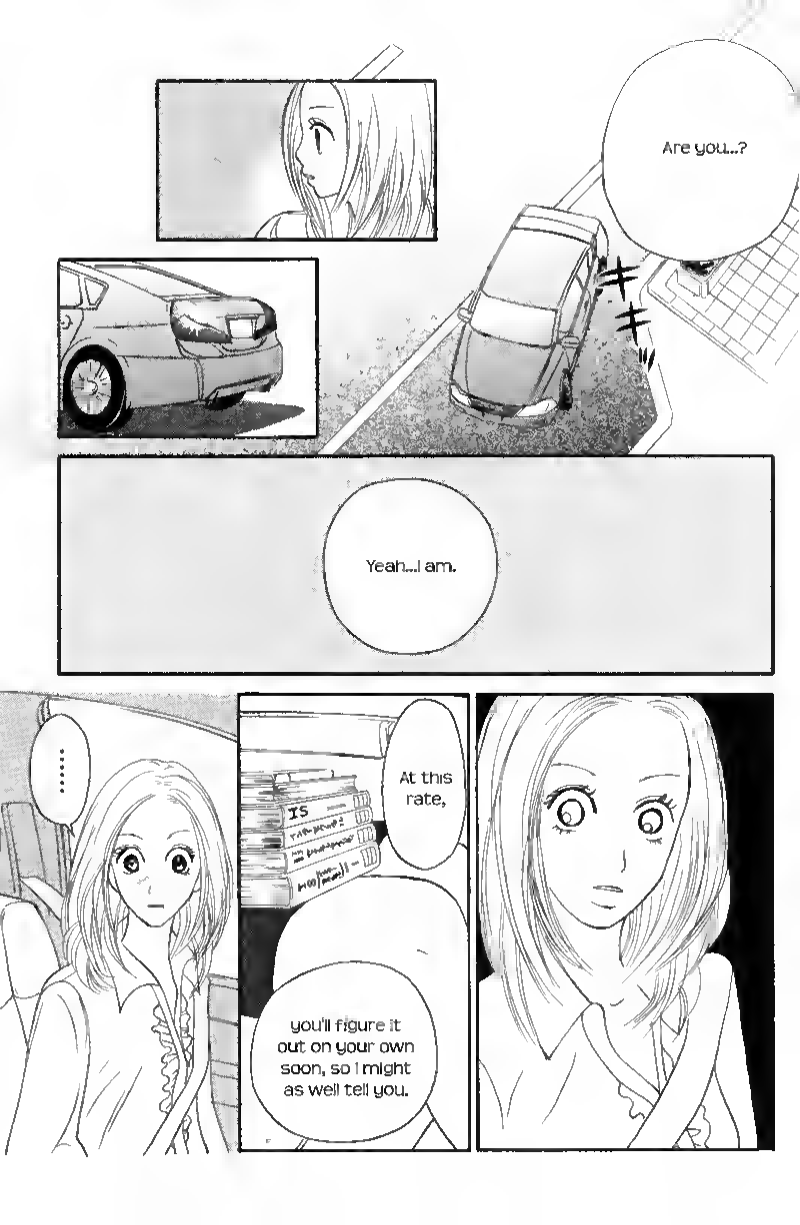
すぅ
ん
Are you OK, Oba-san?
I...I'm fine, Ama-kusa-sensei
"Torn apart"...
My name is Oba Nice to meet you
That means they still liked each other.
Just enter these numbers
who came on to P-chan
I'm the one
when he was mourning

No, he's my boyfriend now!!
Did I steal him from Haru!?
Haru understands!! Besides, they're both guys...
What's going on!? Haru-uuuuu...
Are you OK?
He's not a guy..
What is intersex anyway?
Haha
I don't know.

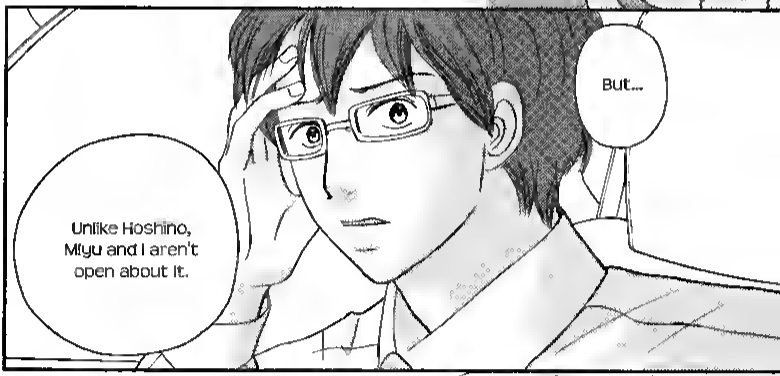
Public Library
Nene-chan!!
Amakusa -sensei!!
Studying up on your down-time?
You can call me Makuson when we're not at work.
!

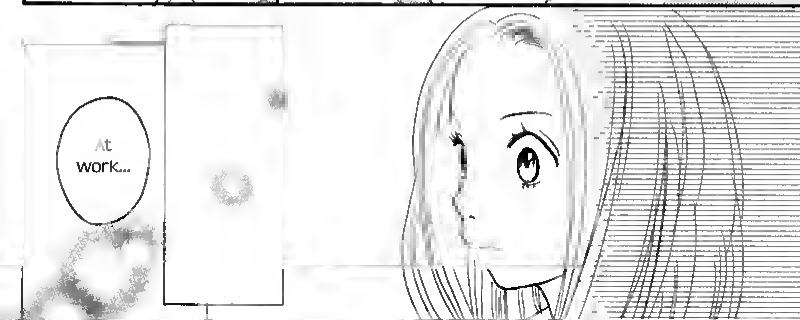
I just thought... I'd do a little more research on Haru's intersex thing.
IS
HISTORY
I really don't get it.
Did you know?
ブロー
Um...
There are a lot of different types of intersex people!!
There's people like Haru
and then there's people who seem totally male!!
……
Some parents try to hide it and ruin their relationship with their children...
……
……
And not all families...
are accepting.
IS
HISTORY


"Makuson
has his own reasons for not living with his family anymore..."
.....
What?
No-thing!
like a family."
TS
Um...
forgive me if I'm wrong, but...
"We're...
...Um, and...


Are you...?
Yeah...I am.
.....
At this rate,
you'll figure it out on your own soon, so I might as well tell you.

...Yeah.
All three of us...
Oh!
!
So, both of you...
Huh ...?


Unlike Hoshino, Miyu and I aren't open about it.
But...


At work...

And Miyu
So it's easier to just be a guy.
I have to deal with powerful businessmen.
thinks the reason her mother abandoned her
!
is because she's intersex.
She's been hurt for being different.
.....
that's not the only reason... but...
Of course ...

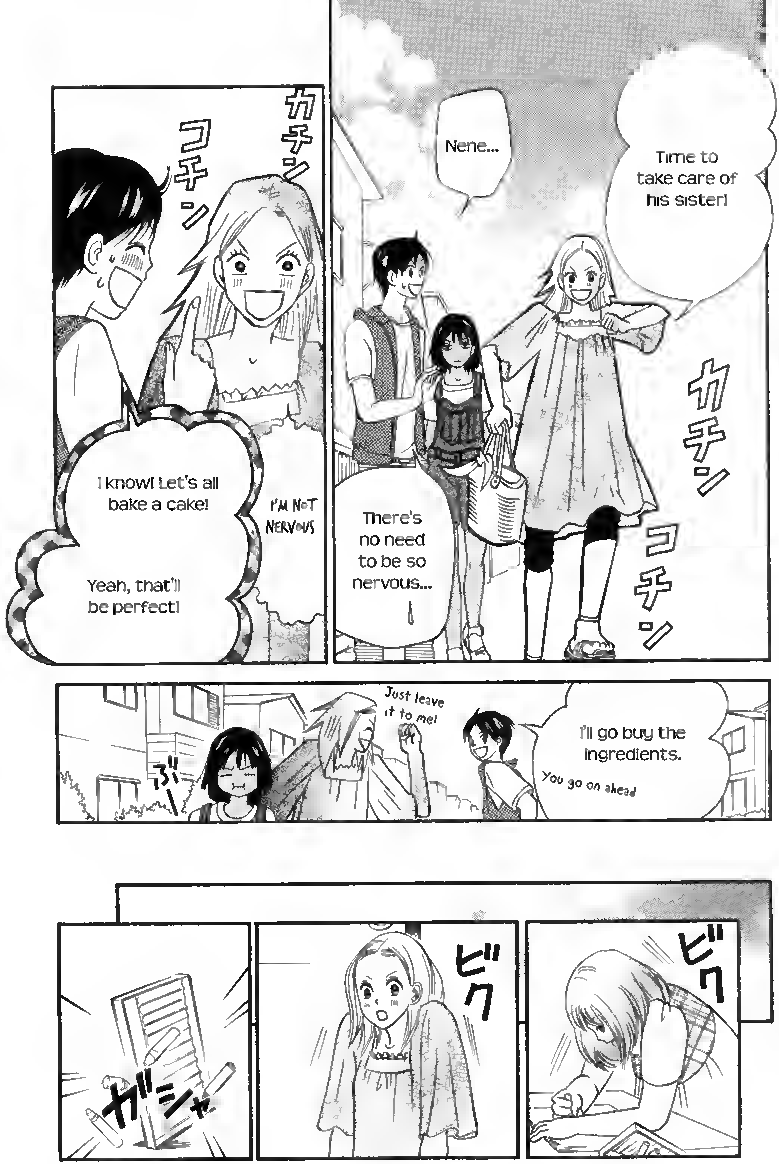
that if people find out about her body,
she'll be attacked
and lose everything...
And she's afraid
She's afraid
to even go outside
Nene-chan..
keep this between us
So please

I can trust you to keep a secret, right?
Hoshino...
He gives me hope...
He's like a hero.
I've never heard of anyone being raised to be as open about it as he is.
is special.

He makes me think
maybe I could be like him
if people found out.
But the thing is,
he was forced to be a girl at school
.....
and only allowed to be a guy partway through.
And because of that,
he made friends with the girls
and began to accept the female part of himself

And then he just didn't know what to think anymore.
He said he felt distanced from both men and women.
Through good times
That's why the three of us stick together.
and bad.
Even heroes have their weaknesses.

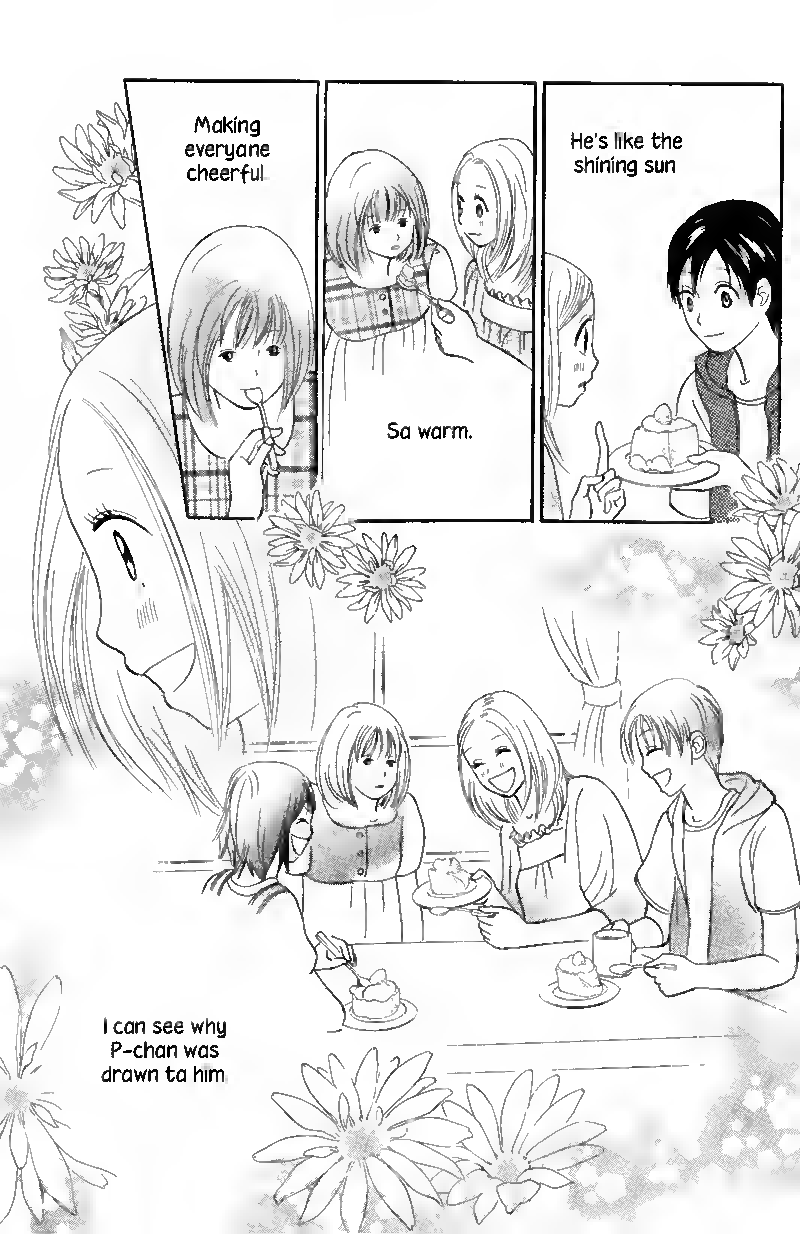
We need a "family"
so we can withstand any adversity.
long for that, too.
I...
I want to create that sort of atmosphere.
With P-chan
All right, let's go!


Time to take care of his sister!
Nene...
カチン
コチン
There's no need to be so nervous...
I'M NOT NERVOUS
I know! Let's all bake a cake!
Yeah, that'll be perfect!
カチン
コチン
Just leave it to me!
I'll go buy the ingredients.
You go on ahead
ブー
ビク
ビク
ガシャ

A TENSE SITUATION
Haru...
want a crayon?
Do you
Here.
Here's the green one
How do you know...?
There's the yellow one.
Huh ...?

That's how I always figured out the liars and fakers.
You just have to look people in the eye.
But she's not a liar.
Right?
We don't need words.

カチャッ
You've really opened your heart to her.
Hi, Haru.
Wow, Miyu.
When Haru came
Yay!
Let's make a super delicious cake!
OK!
the atmosphere changed again


Making everyone cheerful
Sa warm.
He's like the shining sun
I can see why P-chan was drawn ta him

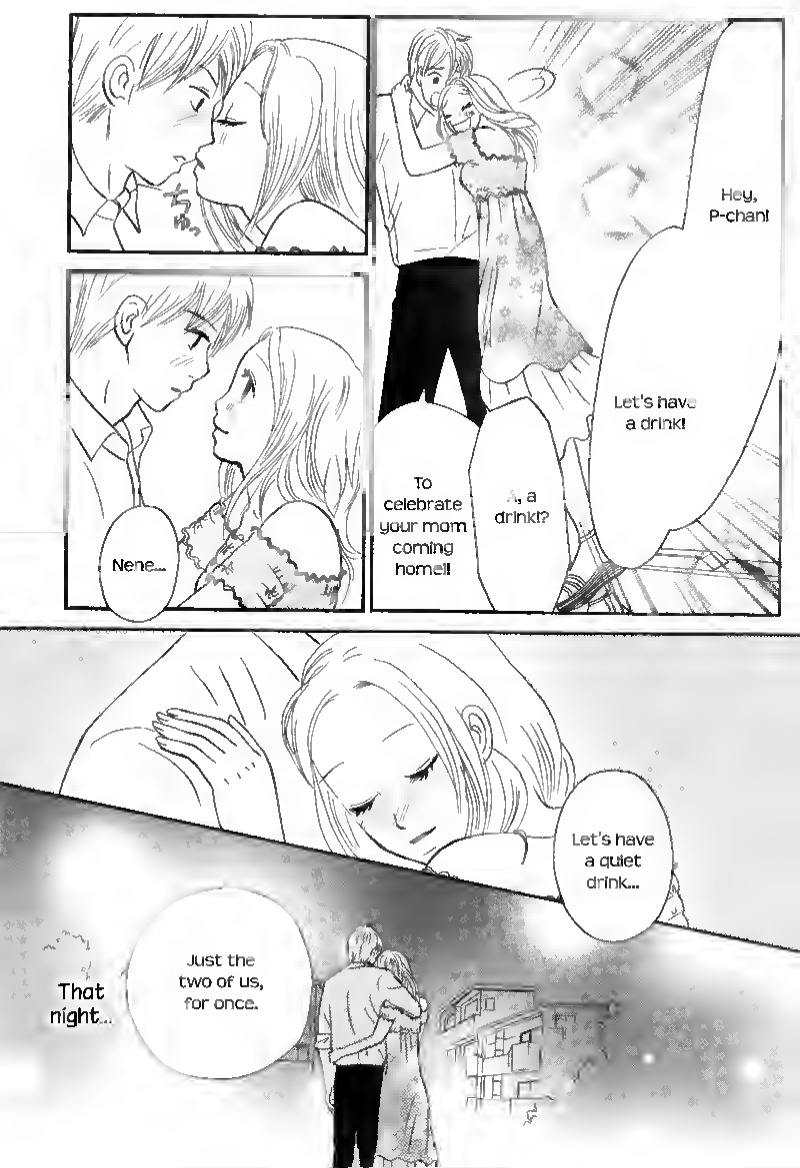
Thank you all
for every-thing.
I'm feeling much better now.
And thank you, Oba-san.
?
I heard you helped out Kenji before, too.
Back when he was crying all the time.
Hoshino-san told me
Kenji...
always was a crybaby,
with snot dripping from his nose...
M, Mom!
I'm...
really glad

I was able to become friends
with Haru.
Thank you.

Miyu
I'll come visit again.
refused to go outside.
The two of us were worried about her.
?
I feel like I've really imposed on you and Hoshino.
Not at all.
It was a good opportunity for us.
.....
Don't worry about Hoshino!!
We're like his family now.
So I'm grateful.
.....

You just be there for Nene-chan.
She's really trying hard.
Makuson!
...Of course.
Shall we head home?
Can I play with her tomorrow, too!?
Didn't you say it was scary outside?
No way!

Family, huh...?
Guess who!
!?
Who... Nene!


Hey, P-chan!
Let's have a drink!
A, a drink!?
To celebrate your mom coming home!!
Nene...
Let's have a quiet drink...
That night...
Just the two of us, for once.

I seduced him.
Ah!
Nene...
I totally faked being into it.
I can't beat him

I figured this was the only thing I could do that he can't.
I love you.
Little by little..
I love you, P-chan.
I felt him drifting from me.
As I lay in his arms

And I knew eventually
I would be the one to end up alone.

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ガチャッ
Dango
Hey, Miyu!
One of our clients gave this to me!
バサッ
I was nearby so I thought I'd bring them home!
Lately...

Miyu's been spending a lot of time at Ibuki-kun's mom's house.
Uh?
Sis!!
Welcome home!
Hello, Miyu-chan
!
Make sure you greet people!!
H, hello.
Hello.
I think it's a really good thing for Miyu.

Amakusa Accounting
but it's another connection to Ibuki-kun.
What's she got against me!?
プイッ
It gives me a headache
We're throwing a birthday party for Taichi, so you should come visit
-Mom
ブブブ

I'm really busy with work right now, so I can't. -Koki
カコ
カコ
……
プルルル
プルルル
Hello, Amakusa Accounting.
Huh...? Amakusa Koki-sensei?
May I ask who's calling...? Huh?
Tell him Auntie Takako's calling?

I heard you say you couldn't come to Taichi-chan's birthday party because of work!
Your mother told me
we must be working you to death there at the firm!
Unfortunately, he's out of the office at the moment...
Whaaaat? Are you pretending you're not there, Ko-chan!?
He's the eldest son
and first grand -son.
My little brother's..
son.
My nephew.
Who's... Taichi -chan?

Our house
was so big
people called
it a temple
In other
words,
the heir to
the family
business.
Ko
-chan.
Good
mor-
ning,
Master
Koki!
Have a
nice day.
Ours was the
biggest farm
in the area
See you
later!
And I was
the eldest
son

I was good at school
Sensei, I already know this stuff.
If I do say so myself,
I had a lot of friends
...and that's why
Ewwwww
Amakusa just ate a booger!
Every day was fun
and I had a clear vision of my future.

From over there
all the way to those mountains
is Amakusa land.
Taking care of the fields
and the mountains
Is a task that's been passed down for genera -tions
And when I get too old,
It will be your turn.

Koki, you'll be in charge of all this.
The golden rice waving in the wind
was like a living thing.
So beautiful
and fascinating...
I'll study agriculture and management
and learn everything I can
I'll inherit this view

and make this land shine bright.
My younger son Kazuki's a bit of a handful.
It's embarrassing
Wahaha
But, well...
shut up!
Kazuki!
What about school?
I've got Koki.
But...
I wanted to live up to their expectations

Why...?
When I started high school
I started to grow breasts like a girl
And my body never seemed to get more masculine.
How come Amakusa doesn't change in here?
I heard he's got boobs.
No way!
It's true!
Huh?
Come on!
We bet on whether or not you've got boobs.

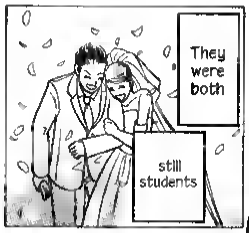
Stop!
Quit it!
Shut up!
Hey!
Just let us see...!
グイッ
Let us see.
!
Are you stupid?
In that moment
it felt as if everything in my life
exploded

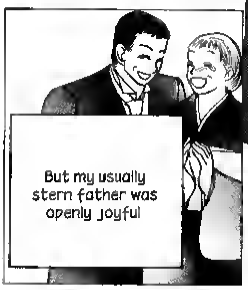
Wah!
What're you doing!?
They took blood samples
大学病
Don't worry.
and examined me
That was what finally made me go to the doctor
You'll be all better after we operate.
By then my parents must have known
But I had no idea what was happening when I underwent a mastectomy

Some-thing's wrong.
They're hiding something.
This medicine will keep you healthy.
I went to the hospital every month.
SURGERY
What's in those shots?
I'm growing hair all of a sudden.
I feel more impulsive.
What was that operation!?
It was after I left home for college.
I was 20 when I finally found out the truth

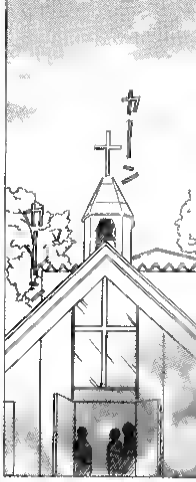
It is
one of the many types of inter sexuality
47,XXY.
It occurs when males have an extra X chromosome.
Klinefelter Syndrome?
Including many who go undiagnosed,
It is said to affect 1 in 500 people
are breast growth
and a less masculine physique
The main symptoms

As well as infertility.
Have you ever become upset
for no reason?
Immmg Immmg
Hello?
Huh!?
His girlfriend is pregnant.
Kazuki is getting married...
And...
he says he'll take over the family business.
Over the phone
I could hear my mother crying...
Thank goodness.


They were both
still students


But my usually stern father was openly joyful

Congratulations!


カーン

How are you feeling?
I see...
So that's how it is

"Passed down for generations..."

I can't produce the next generation.
"Infertility."
I couldn't do it.
You lucky bastard
There's nothing I can pass on.
サアア

Ever since
I learned I was intersex,
I've
felt useless
This land doesn't need me

Easy for you to say...
I wanted to know more about the treatments other intersex people were undergoing so I joined Shizuku no Kai
Shizuku no
No one is unneeded
Hoshino Haru
Uh, you work as a guy...?
You don't really look like one
Isn't that inconvenient?
Nice to meet you.
And that's when I met Hoshino

They may be hesitant,
But I've found that if I explain it
most people are understanding.
Yeah, sometimes...
it can be...
but there are plenty of people who accept me for who I am.
"How come
Hey!
you look like a girl?"
"See this cake?"
And recently
I figured out a good way to talk to kids about it.
?

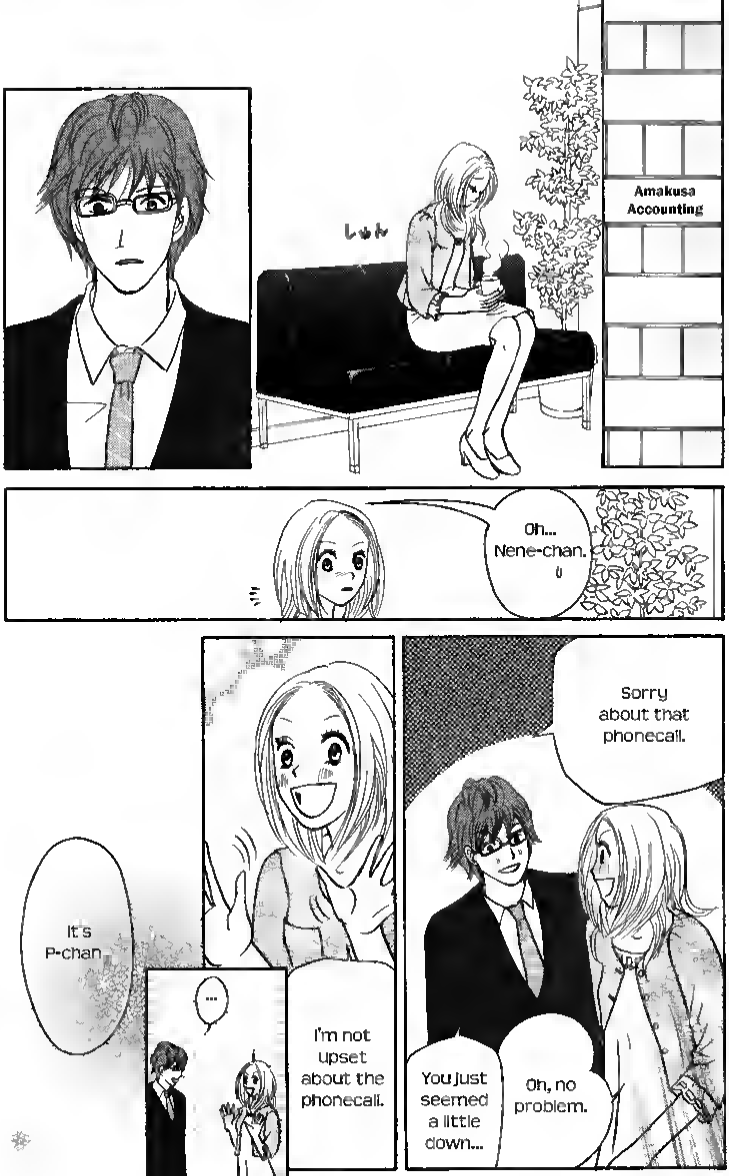
"They're all the same kind but each is a little different."
カシュ
カシュ
"That's because our patissiers are wishing hard for each cake to be delicious as they make it."
"Up in heaven
?
"It's the same with us."
カシュ
カシュ
God is wishing for us to be happy
カシュ
カシュ
as he makes each one of us by hand!!"

"The fact that I'm different
is proof of that."
"No way!"
"Yes way!! We're all unique!!"
"That's why we're all different"
"And everyone is important!!"
We're all
God's creations.

Here you go.
That's why no one is unneeded.
Haha
How great
That's what I think, anyway.
would it be if I could accept
my body like that?

Being with Hoshino
When times were tough,
we could support each other.
made me feel optimistic.
Pass the test!
These past four years,
Yes!
I felt
Public Accountancy Law Pass
like I'd begun a new life.
With no wedding
or that sort of ordinary happiness,
or birth

but God has blessed us
with our own sort of happiness
I want the three of us
to stay together as long as we can-


Amakusa Accounting
しゅん
Oh... Nene-chan.
Sorry about that phonecall.
Oh, no problem.
You just seemed a little down...
I'm not upset about the phonecall.
...
It's P-chan.

I knew
he'd been interested in it before...
He's studying about welfare.
But why now...
all of a sudden...?
...
Whose...
influence... Is this?

...Oh.
You didn't have to...
Sorry, Miyu's over here all the time
カチャ
ピンポーン
Oh...
Welfare
I'll go get Miyu-chan
I hate to bring this up when you've done so much for Miyu, but...
Um...

I know you and Hoshino used to date.
I know you didn't come on the "promised day".
You know how Hoshino is.
He wants everyone to be friends.

That was your answer 5 years later.
But you didn't come.
You made your decision, didn't you?
Hoshino has decided to live as a man.
You can't treat him the way you used to.
Amakusa-sensei?
Besides, now you have
someone else you need to take care of

You understand that, don't you?
...Uh
...
P-chan,
Please answer him.

Guys!
What's up, Nene!?
The owner gave me high marks
And let me take them home
And...
Look!
I made these in my special lessons after work.
Hehe!
H-Haru!

Everything's new and different here, but cheer up.
Haru.
You've seemed down lately.
Here's some just for you...
Haro!
Not just for Miyu...
to be destroyed...
I didn't want our happy family

●ＩＳ男でも女でもない性 14／おわり●

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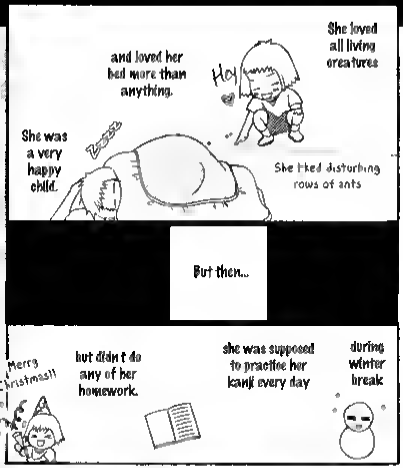
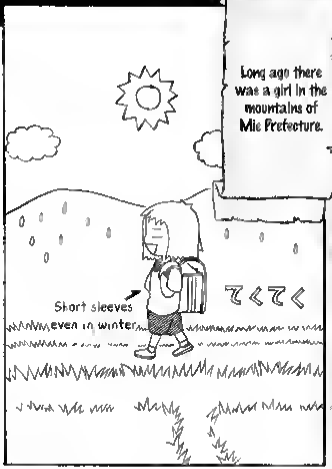
AFTERWORD
Hello, Rokuhana here.
Haru's really grown up
Thank you all so much for reading this far.
はぁ
Sigh...
But becoming an adult means...
that all the things you were able to get out of as a kid
Ehe
Huh?
Ehe
suddenly
become so much more embarrassing when you make the same mistakes as an adult
But of course thanks to this empty-headed life I've lived
I've told you before, it's 終わる not 終る
I'm terrible at kanji.
Editor
You wrote the kanji wrong.
so I'd like to talk about that today.
kanji
For me the worst is
Trauma?
The truth is..
Well, you see... there's a reason.
How many times do I have to tell you...?
grumble grumble
Trauma.
A reason?


She was a very happy child.
and loved her bed more than anything.
She loved all living creatures
She liked disturbing rows of ants
But then...
Merry Christmas!!
but didn't do any of her homework.
she was supposed to practice her kanji every day
during winter break


Long ago there was a girl in the mountains of Mie Prefecture.
Short sleeves even in winter.

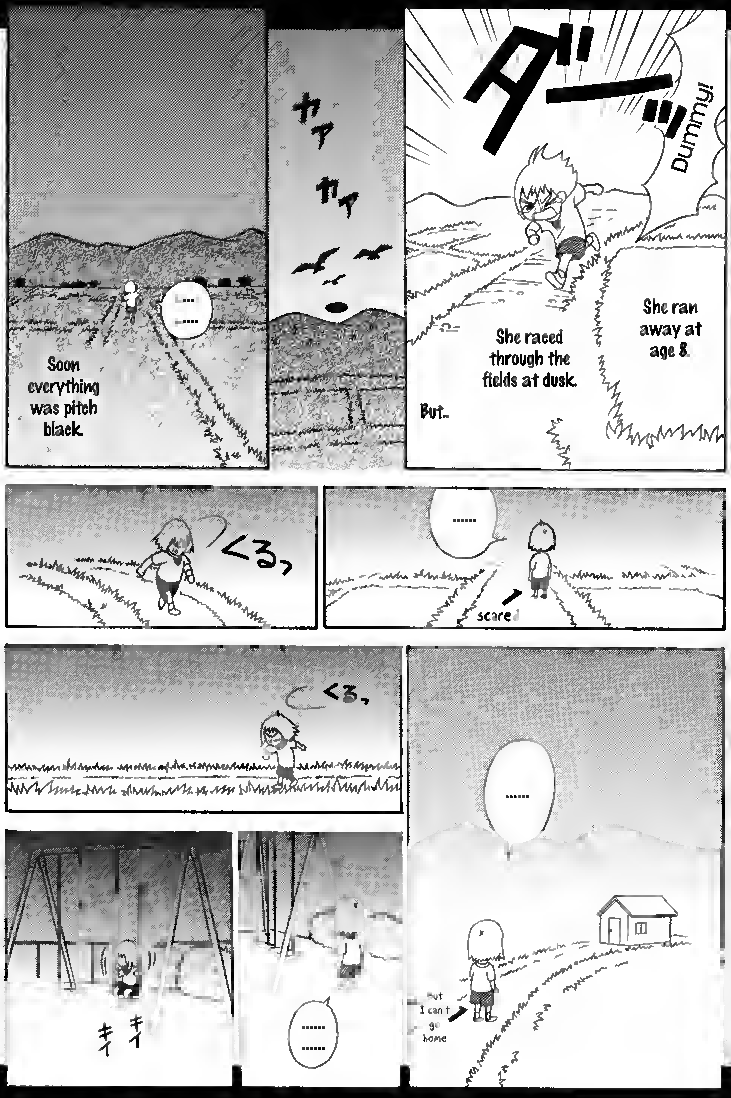
And next term
she got a 2 on her test.

And on the next test
she got the same grade.

And on the next test...

she kept getting 2s.
Day after day

No child of mine
could be this stupid.
WAH WAH
Finally her mother got mad
But this girl hated to lose so much that things like "too competitive" were often written on her report cards.
GET OUT!
メラ
I'll never come home!
You can't tell me what to do
すく
If I leave
If...
I hate you!
I'm gonna live at Grandma's house!


ダーッ
Dummy!
She ran away at age 8.
She raced through the fields at dusk.
But..
カァ カァ
Soon everything was pitch black.
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<3,
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scare
<3,
.....
キィ キィ
.....
.....
but I can't go home

"I hate you"...
ポタ
ポタ
ポタ
What a horrible thing to say.
I guess
it's my fault, too.
I never studied.
No wonder Mom got mad
She could hear a family laughing over dinner in the house next to the park.
The girl regretted her actions.
I'm going home
I bet Mom's worried.
I'll go home and apologize.
Where have you been?
BUT.

HAHAHAHA
Her mother didn't notice her outside the window.
Her mother hadn't even noticed she'd run away.
If she waited a little longer,
S, she's watching! stand-up.
her mother would surely come looking for her.
...Or so she thought.
とっぷり
ピュー
She hid in the corner of the yard, but...
ｶｻｯ

Well, you should
Waha
I'll never study kanji again!
So to those of you who've enjoyed an empty-headed life,
You really should study your kanji!!!
I'd like to say one thing.
Otherwise everyone will find out how stupid you are!!
You really don't need to bother with math and stuff though.
Please stick with me
I'll continue to try my best.
Mike no Niwa has been a helpful resource: http://www.mikeniwa.net/
that's how this manga gets made.
And so with my editor correcting all my kanji mistakes,

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